FACTSHEET: Tier II Submit

What is Tier II Submit?

Tier II Submit is the free personal computer software being developed by EPA and NOAA for use by facilities in submitting Tier II reports in states where this software meets state reporting requirements. Tier II reports required under the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA) provide information to state and local officials and the public with specific information on certain chemicals that are present at facilities during the previous calendar year.

Tier II Submit will:

- contain all of the data elements required by federal EPA regulations, optional data elements which are commonly required by states, and also blank data fields to accommodate additional data elements required by individual states
- help facilities avoid common reporting errors by verifying that all required data elements are completed
- allow facilities to correct errors prior to submission
- work on most PCs, yet have the capacity to enter multiple facilities for a company and enter numerous chemicals for each
- have the ability to copy a report from the previous year
- work seamlessly with CAMEO
- replace Tier II for Windows, currently distributed by EPA.

Have states been consulted about this new software?

The National Governor's Association (NGA) hosted an Electronic Tier II Reporting System Forum on January 31, 2001 to assist EPA in addressing issues related to electronic reporting. Participants included representatives from Massachusetts, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Oklahoma, Arizona and Washington. Discussion explored the feasibility of both web-based and PC-based systems. All agreed that any new system should be highly compatible with CAMEO and other popular databases.

What about states that already have an electronic submission system in place?

Tier II submit is not a mandatory reporting tool. Rather, each state will continue to specify the reporting format requires for reporting. EPA will provide/link to information on the CEPPO website about individual state reporting requirements. However, Tier II submit can be used by states to complement their systems.

When will Tier II Submit be available?

EPA and NOAA are working to make the software available December, 2001, so facilities can use it to submit reports due on March 1, 2002. States will want to know about progress along the way so they can adjust their reporting packages. EPA will use its List Serve and the CEPPO website (www.epa.gov/ceppo) to keep everyone informed.